

DISCOURAGED
ABOUT PEACE

M. Witte Thinks Japanese Demands May Be Too Big

FOR RUSSIA TO ACCEPT

Is the Belief Which is Gaining Ground in St. Petersburg—Czar Said to Be Under Influence of Jingoists.

New York, Aug. 2.—M. Witte, the Russian peace plenipotentiary will arrive this afternoon on the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse at the steamship dock about 4 o'clock. In an interview flashed by wireless telegraph to the St. Petersburg station, M. Witte says that there is little likelihood of a successful termination of the peace negotiations. He believes they will end in a week as the Japanese conditions are too intolerable to admit of discussion.

He will present greetings from the Czar to President Roosevelt and declares that the only mission is peace and not to test the ground for floating Russian loans.

PREPARING PEOPLE
FOR PEACE FAILURE

They May Be Such That There Will Not Be a Possibility of Discussion—Unfavorable Report from St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The belief is growing in all circles here that the Government is preparing the public for the failure of peace negotiations. It is the opinion of well informed men that the pessimistic statements made by M. Witte, Russia's ranking peace plenipotentiary, cannot be explained on other grounds. It is stated that the Czar has again fallen under the influence of jingoists who favor continued hostilities who hope that issuance of a manifesto calling a popular assembly which he made public August 12 will create enough enthusiasm to make possible the continuance of the war.

MORE LIBERAL PROPOSITION.

Russian Council of Ministers Assembled Yesterday.

St. Petersburg, August 2.—The council of ministers assembled at Peterhof yesterday afternoon under the presidency of the emperor to examine the project for a national assembly.

A bureau of the council, comprising officials of the imperial chancellery, has taken over the work of elaborating a project for the convocation of the national assembly. The project is to be thoroughly recast and of a more liberal form. When complete it will have little in common with the scheme presented by Minister of the Interior Boulgan.

After five hours' discussion an adjournment was taken.

WILL ACCEPT PRESIDENCY.

I. Zangwill Will Lead the New Jewish League.

Basel, August 2.—Israel Zangwill, the noted author, has decided to accept the presidency of the new National Jewish Territorialist League which has been organized by delegates and visitors to the Zionist Congress who do not agree with the plans of the old organization for the Jewish colonization of Palestine. President Zangwill will institute negotiations with Premier Balfour of England at once, offering to accept his offer in behalf of the English government a tract of land for colonization purposes in East Africa. This offer was rejected by the old organization.

BIG STRIKE ORDERED.

Telegraphers on Western Railroads Ordered by Their President.

St. Paul, Minn., August 2.—A general strike of the telegraphers on the lines of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways was ordered at eleven o'clock last night by President Perham, of the order of railway telegraphers. President Perham was confident that by today 95 per cent of the operators would be out.

Upon the breaking off of negotiations between the railway officials and the representatives of the Order of Railway Telegraphers General Manager Horne of the Northern Pacific followed the example set by the Great Northern last night and gave orders for a general lockout of all the telegraphers on the company's lines who refused to sign the revised schedule and agreements relating to rules and wages. Superintendents of different divisions of both roads have been and are now making the rounds of the stations and giving the operators the alternative of signing the company's schedule or leaving work.

General Manager Horne of the Northern Pacific stated last night that reports coming in from the superintendents so far indicated that about 75 per cent of the men were signing the company's schedule. The percentage on the Great Northern according to General Manager Slade was slightly under 70 per cent at 10:30.

BURLINGTON MAN ASSAULTED.

Asked for a Drink and Was Then Struck With a Stone.

Burlington August 2.—Alfred Ebbert, who is coachman for Dr. L. M. Bingham, was assaulted by one of six men on Battery street last night. Ebbert says he left home at about 11 o'clock for a short walk. He was accosted by the six men who were undoubtedly soldiers waiting for the last train to the fort. The men demanded something to drink. Ebbert says that he tried to avoid them. One of the men picked up a rock and hurled it at him, the missile striking him in the head. A deep gash was inflicted and blood flowed freely. The gang skipped. Officer Watson, who arrived on the scene immediately, began an investigation with the result that he brought a soldier in civilian clothing to the police station and Mr. Ebbert was sent for to identify the man. He could not do this and the soldier was let go.

While coming from the water front to the police station the soldier addressed insulting remarks to the officer, telling him that some day some of the police officers of this city would turn up missing as happened in the past. The soldier was given a very severe lecture before he was dismissed.

MOTHER SEIZED HER GIRL.

Stole Her from Her Father at a Railroad Station.

Greenwich, Conn., August 2.—Persons in the neighborhood of the railroad station late yesterday afternoon witnessed an exciting scene in which Katherine, the 11-year-old daughter of H. B. Nichols of New York, was taken by force from her father, with whom she was standing in the depot. They were about to take a train for New York, when Mrs. F. S. Forest, the mother of Katherine, rushed up to them and catching hold of the girl's arm ran out of the station with her and jumped into a buggy. Mr. Nichols put after Mrs. Forest and his daughter, but was approached by two men and warned not to make any attempt to rescue his daughter.

Before Mr. Nichols realized it, Mrs. Forest and the girl were speeding toward Port Chester, just over the state line in New York. Word was sent to Deputy Sheriff Ritch of this place, who went to Port Chester, and when he reached there he found that Mrs. Forest had been arrested but was later discharged. Katherine was with her and the two boarded a train for New York.

DIED IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

Swanton Man Victim of Heart Trouble in Burlington.

Burlington, Aug. 2.—Peter Prevy died suddenly at 4 o'clock yesterday morning in Dr. O. H. Allard's office on North street. Mr. Prevy, who conducted the West Side Inn at Swanton, came here last Saturday night on business and last night about 11 o'clock was taken sick and went to Dr. Allard's office, where he died a few hours later of heart disease. He had been a sufferer from the disease for the past nine years, but of late it had grown more serious.

Mr. Prevy was born in Granby, P. Q., 49 years ago and when six years old moved to Winslow, where he afterward made his home up to four years ago, when he removed to Burlington. Three months ago he purchased the Wayside Inn at Swanton, where he had resided since.

DON'T KNOW HIM.

James McCarty Said to Have Belonged in Burlington.

Burlington, August 2.—Chief Russell received a letter yesterday from Ogdensburg, N. Y., requesting information regarding James McCarty of this city, who was injured on the New York Central City hospital where he died, and is as follows:

"There was a man hurt on this road last week and was brought to the Ogdensburg City hospital where he died. While in the baggage car with me I asked him his name and he said it was James McCarty, Burlington, Vt. His remains are unclaimed at Ogdensburg. Can you throw any light on the matter?"

The police know of no such man.

BOAT RACING ON LAKE.

Fourteen Races, Not a Great Many Boats Entered.

Burlington, August 2.—Fourteen races for sail and power boats were scheduled for yesterday at the annual regatta of the Lake Champlain Yacht club. On account of the bad weather, fewer boats than usual were entered.

There was a good wind for the sailing events in the morning races, and as class after class was started over the course, the lake presented a scene of much animation.

CHANGE OF DATE.

Grand Lodge, K. of P., to Meet in Burlington August 23.

Burlington, August 2.—The dates for the coming session of the Grand Lodge, U. R. K. of P., have been changed, the grand lodge session coming Aug. 23 and the field day Aug. 24, at Burlington.

Governor Chooses Delegates.

St. Johnsbury, August 2.—Governor Bell has appointed the following delegates to the national conference on uniformity of legislation: The Hon. O. M. Barber of Bennington, the Hon. J. P. Lamson of Cabot and the Hon. A. A. Hall of St. Albans.

It is also proposed that the same delegates selected to represent the several states at this conference meet in Washington in the near future for the purpose of examining, considering and discussing the laws and decisions of the several states upon the subject of divorce with the view of securing, so far as possible, uniform statutes on the subject throughout the nation.

DETECTIVE
WAS KILLED

George L. Frazer of Somerville, Mass., Shot.

JOSEPH EVANS SHOT HIM

Tragedy Occurred on Latter's Doorstep in Somerville at Midnight—Evans Wouldn't Let the Detective In.

Somerville, Mass., August 2.—George L. Frazer, a private detective, was shot and almost killed last night while trying to gain entrance to the house of Joseph Evans. Evans is under arrest charged with the shooting.

According to the police Frazer and two other detectives accompanied A. J. Barber of Woonsocket, R. I., to Evans' home in search of Barber's wife, who it is said, was Evans' housekeeper. Arriving at the house shortly before midnight Frazer rang the bell and Evans responded. When the detectives explained their errand and attempted to enter the house, Evans objected and in the argument which followed, it is alleged that Evans drew his revolver and shot Frazer.

POSSE CAUGHT TIEDMAN.

Brakeman Who Killed His Wife at Chester, Mass., Locked Up.

Chester, Mass., Aug. 2.—Fleeing from his father-in-law's home, where his wife lay dead with a bullet wound in the head, Charles Tiedman, a brakeman, was overtaken late yesterday afternoon about three miles from the scene of the crime, and nine hours after the shooting, by a posse of determined officers and citizens.

Tiedman, who is 25 years old, was married about two years ago, but had not lived with his wife for nearly a year on account, it is said, of his drinking habits. He has worked from time to time in the local division of the New York Central railroad, but for the past six months has been reported as roving about the country returning occasionally to Chester.

TRACING MISS TUCKER.

Was Seen in Maine as Late as Last Saturday.

Rochester, August 2.—The search for Miss Mary A. Tucker of Providence, R. I., who disappeared from a camp near Wolfeborough a week ago yesterday, was conducted with even greater vigor yesterday, with the result that Miss Tucker's movements were traced as late as Saturday, when she was seen in South Lebanon, Me., going in the direction of Somersworth.

It is the belief of the authorities conducting the search that Miss Tucker is somewhere between Dover and either Portsmouth or Exeter. An added incentive to the search was made yesterday by the announcement of a reward of \$100 for her discovery.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

William Gray, Who Had New Hampshire Relatives, Dead in Boston.

Boston, August 2.—With a half filled bottle of carbolic acid by its side the body of William Gray was found yesterday by his landlady in his room at 52 Joy street. Near the body was a note addressed to Dr. Simpson of Cambridge, requesting that he care for the body until the dead man's brother and sister, James Gray of Newton, N. H., and Mrs. S. A. Fowle of Hampton, N. H., came to this city to take charge of it. It is understood that Gray had a wife and son somewhere in New Hampshire.

ARMED POLICE NOW
PATROL THE STREETS

Serious Rioting Follows Strike in San Juan—Two Persons Killed and Forty Injured.

San Juan, August 2.—Serious rioting occurred here today in connection with the strike of longshoremen, which has been in progress some time. Two were killed, and forty men were injured, some seriously. The strike was directed against the Porto Rico Steamship company which refused to grant the demand of the longshoremen for an increase of ten cents an hour in their wages.

This is the first strike in any of the colonial possessions of the United States. The streets are being patrolled by police armed with loaded carbines.

IRON WORKS DESTROYED.

Fagan Company of Jersey City Burned This Morning.

Jersey City, Aug. 2.—The Plant of the Fagan Iron Works at the corner of Monument and Fourteenth streets was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss will reach \$100,000.

CARNAHAN DYING.

Uniformed Rank, K. of P., Commander Nearing His End.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 2.—Major General James S. Carnahan, commander-in-chief of the Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, is dying at his home in this city. The family has been summoned to the bedside.

NOT ASKED
TO RESIGN

Stenographer at State Insane Asylum Not In a Scandal.

TRUSTEES ARE NOT TO ACT

Governor Bell Has Not Demanded Resignation of This Young Woman Who Is Said to Be One of Waterbury's Estimable Young Women.

Waterbury, August 2.—A morning paper printed today the following: "Waterbury, August 1.—W. L. Dow of Hardwick, a trustee of the Vermont insane asylum, arrived in this village tonight and the other trustees are expected tomorrow to investigate one of the most serious scandals that have yet been started from that institution. None of the authorities will discuss the matter but it is reported from a reliable source that Governor Bell on Friday last requested and received the immediate resignation of the private stenographer of Superintendent Hutchinson, owing to her condition and that the meeting of the trustees tomorrow has been called to investigate this affair."

The trustees of the asylum are in session at Waterbury today, but it is their regular monthly meeting, called to take up routine business. Furthermore, the trustees say that they know nothing whatever of the case reported by the paper, that they have not been asked by the governor to make investigation and that so far as they know Governor Bell is not aware of the case. The story has caused a sensation here.

The stenographer at the asylum is an estimable Waterbury young woman, against whom not a word of scandal can be said. She is still stenographer and has not been asked by Governor Bell to resign. She has recently taken the position. Previous to her engagement there the position was held by a Montpelier young woman who resigned voluntarily and finished her work on June 26, going to her home in Montpelier, where she is said to be at the present time.

Dr. Hutchinson's friends think that the story is meant as an attack upon him. They say also that the stenographer at the asylum is not his private stenographer, but is employed for the whole medical staff. Her business is to take dictation from the staff, answer the telephone, etc.

Dr. Hutchinson recently resigned as superintendent of the hospital, at the request of the special commission which looked into the affairs of the institution.

BIDS FOR SENATE ANNEX.

Woodbury Company Was the Lowest on Granite.

Bethel, August 2.—The following list of firms, their goods and prices bid for the new Senate (annex) building at Washington.

The Board of Commissioners met yesterday afternoon to consider the bids proposed. Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire is a member of the board. The proposal for bids does not call for foundation of one stone and upper of another, hence it is seen the Riley company have submitted the lowest bid on marble while the Woodbury company of Vermont presented the lowest on granite. The Vermont Marble Co. presented seven bids. Here are given their highest and lowest only.

Riley, Mt. Airy granite, marble, \$1,325,000; \$1,385,000; granite, \$1,420,000; limestone, \$779,000.

Booth Bros., Fox Island granite, \$1,350,000.

Booth Bros. Combination, Fox Island and Waldboro, \$1,412,600; Waldboro, \$1,442,600.

Broderick & Wind, Alabama marble, \$1,296,000.

Blue Ridge, Georgia marble, \$1,333,000.

Vt. Marble Co., highest, white, \$1,527,000; lowest, blue, \$1,198,000.

W. Giles, granite, white and grey, \$1,637,000; \$1,364,000.

Norcross, Georgia, \$1,545,700.

Williams, South Dover, \$1,644,000; Georgia, \$1,556,000.

New England, Concord granite, \$1,365,000.

New England Combination, Fox Island base, Concord top, \$1,345,000.

John Pierce, Mt. Waldo granite, \$1,427,500.

Woodbury Co., Woodbury granite, \$1,364,000.

FORESTERS IN CONVENTION.

Seventeenth Convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters in Convention in Boston.

Boston, August 2.—The seventeenth international biennial convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters was opened here yesterday. The sessions will continue until Friday.

This order is the largest Catholic fraternal insurance society in the country, having about 117,000 members. Contests for various offices, particularly for that of high medical examiner, for which there were four candidates, made the annual election of unusual interest.

The delegates assembled at Faneuil hall and marched to St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church, where a solemn high mass was celebrated.

Afterward, the members returned to Faneuil hall, where the convention was called to order by Thomas Cannon of Chicago, the high chief ranger.

EXPERIENCE OF HIS LIFE.

Next Time Mayor Barclay Rides to a Fire He Will Walk.

A Quincy, Mass., newspaper man caught Mayor Barclay on the fly during the manufacturers' recent visit to the Massachusetts city, and this is what he has to say about him.

Mayor William Barclay of Barre, Vt., who came to Quincy with the visiting granite men, had the experience of his life on Sunday.

He now knows how it feels to ride to a fire at break-neck speed. He has felt the sensation of rounding sharp corners on two wheels while going at full speed, and had his heart leap into his mouth as a collision with another team was narrowly averted.

His Honor was being entertained by Chief Engineer Williams. Just as they were about to be called to dinner an alarm sounded from box 74.

"Want to go," said the chief?

"Yes," replied the mayor.

"Jump in," said the chief.

And the next instant they were speeding down Franklin street.

They turned the corner into School street, and then the chief let his horse out. They were down School and through Elm street at railroad train speed.

The mayor jammed his hat down over his ears and hung on for dear life.

There was not more than one wheel under them as they turned the corner into Washington street, and the mayor thought his time had come, and it would be all over.

The carriage righted itself, however, and away they sped down Washington street, dodging carriages and automobiles.

Not once did they hit anything, but he considered it miraculous that he got to the fire with a whole skin.

The mayor says the next time he rides to a fire he will walk.

BELKNAP-MORSE.

Marriage of South Royalton Merchant to Former Barre Young Lady.

Miss Myra L. Morse and William Belknap, both of South Royalton, were united in marriage at 8:30 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's brother, Dr. J. Morse of Tremont street, by the Rev. Walter Dole of Northfield.

There were only relatives and immediate friends in attendance. The decorations of the house were of sweet peas and daisies.

The bride, who will be remembered as a former resident of this city, was gowned in beautiful cream white Eolienne trimmed with point d'esprit lace. She carried bride's roses. Master Theron Morse was ring bearer, and Cleora Morse was ribbon girl, holding the white ribbons of the aisle through which the bridal party passed. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Belknap left on the midnight train for their wedding trip to points in Canada.

The bride has a large number of friends in this city, where she resided until recently, and the groom is a well known merchant of South Royalton.

TENDERED A RECEPTION.

The Rev. and Miss Kimball Leave Williamstown for Richmond.

Williamstown, August 2.—A farewell reception for the Rev. F. A. Kimball and sister, Miss Helen Kimball, was held at the town hall Monday evening. There were 150 or more people present in spite of the rain. Had the weather been pleasant the hall would not have been large enough to accommodate all. House's orchestra furnished music during the reception.

The receiving committee were the Rev. and Mrs. William Schofield, the Rev. Frances A. Kimball, Miss Helen Kimball, Mrs. N. B. Farnham, Mrs. George Wilber, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffin acted as a committee of introduction. The reception continued from 8 to 10 o'clock. Fruit punch and wafers were served. The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, ferns and cut flowers.

The Misses Kimball were presented purses of money from the Universalist society, the Grange, the L. O. G. T., the Junior Union and the W. B. C. They will go later to Richmond, where the Rev. Kimball will become pastor of the Universalist church. She has just completed a successful pastorate of six years with the local church.

RALPH BIGELOW'S FUNERAL.

Held Yesterday Afternoon from His Home at Washington, Vt.

Washington, August 2.—The funeral of the late Ralph Cutting Bigelow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bigelow, was held yesterday afternoon at his late home in Washington, with a large attendance of mourners, schoolmates and friends. Rev. Grant Van Blarcom, pastor of the Universalist church, Washington, assisted by Rev. F. H. Perkins, officiated, and hymns were sung by Mrs. H. W. Downing and Miss La Downing. The bearers were Fern Dasher, Peter Dewey, Fred McAllister, Roy Scott, Thomas Barup, Arthur Jeffords, six class-mates of the deceased.

Ralph was a boy dearly beloved by his playmates, and by his courteous, honest and manliness he had won the respect and love of both old and young as was shown in the expression of deep mourning on the part of those present at the service. There was a wealth of beautiful floral tributes. The arrangements were in charge of R. W. Hooker of Barre, and burial was made in Washington village cemetery.

The sympathy of the whole community is extended to these grief-stricken parents in their bereavement.

Leaves Two Orphans.

Mrs. John McLeay, whose husband was killed on the railroad in Connecticut a few weeks ago, died this morning at Granterville, where she went last Friday for a visit at her former home. She leaves two children. The funeral will be held Friday, and the interment will be in the Wilson cemetery.

The deceased was 20 years old.

ADM. CLARK
GOING HOME

Famous Naval Hero On Way to Bradford

FOR HIS ANNUAL VISIT.

Speaks Enthusiastically of Stay at Lake Mansfield—Hopes to Be in Montpelier for the Centennial.

Admiral Charles E. Clark, United States navy, one of the country's great naval heroes in the Spanish-American war, was in Montpelier today on his way to his former home in Bradford, where he will spend a few days, visiting familiar scenes. Admiral Clark looks not a day older than on his last visit to Montpelier, and apparently is in the best of health. He goes on the retired list soon.

Admiral Clark was accompanied by his wife and other members of his family, also W. H. Rogers, a boyhood friend, who was also a native of Bradford, and who is going back to that place. The party has been spending some time at Lake Mansfield and the Admiral spoke most enthusiastically of his stay there. He will endeavor to be in Montpelier at the time of the centennial celebration next October.

IN QUO WARRANTO CASE.

Attorney Elisha May Consults With Barre Lawyers.

Attorney Elisha May of St. Johnsbury was in town yesterday in consultation with Attorney Horne in connection with the quo warranto proceedings against State's Attorney S. Hollister Jackson, brought by Charles A. Phelps to ascertain Mr. Jackson's citizenship. Later he was in consultation with Attorney John W. Gordon, counsel for Mr. Jackson, relating to the taking of depositions. The taking of depositions, however, will not be undertaken immediately.

JOINS CENTRAL BODY.

Montpelier Truckmen's Union Gets Into Line.

Montpelier, August 2.—At a meeting of the truckmen's union last evening it was voted to join the Central Labor Union, and W. D. Mulqueen, D. N. Gilson, and George T. Buzell were elected as delegates to that body. The credentials of G. C. Adams were accepted and he was taken into the union. At the meeting of the Central Labor Union tonight the steps toward affiliation will be taken.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

Three Foreign Companies Authorized to Do Business in Vermont.

Three foreign corporations have been authorized to do business in Vermont, having filed papers with the secretary of state's office recently. The Our Husband Manufacturing company, with Iphigene Hall and William J. Delaney of Lyndonville as incorporators, is one. The capital stock is \$25,000, and the main office is at Portland, Maine. It deals in proprietary medicines.

The Elizabeth Copper company of Jersey City, New Jersey, which owns mines and lands in Vermont, at South Strafford, has a capital stock of \$5,000, divided into 50 shares. John H. Judson is the Vermont manager, while August Heckscher, Frank Bertold and Kenneth McFarren are named as directors.

The Eastern Talc company of Boston has a capital stock of \$10,000. Lucius Webb of East Granville is the local manager.

TO QUARANTINE LOUISIANA.

Forty-two New Cases Developed in 24 Hours.

New Orleans, Aug. 2.—The heat of yesterday and thunder storms during the afternoon and night caused an alarming increase in the number of yellow fever cases within the past 24 hours. Forty-two new cases and six deaths are reported. President Souther of the Louisiana Board of Health states that the thunder storm yesterday afternoon would develop fever earlier than under ordinary circumstances and would cause an increase in the death rate of those already infected. One new case has developed in Threaport which is three hundred miles north of New Orleans. Here is a new case at Montgomery, Ala. The State Board has notified the State Board of Texas that the state had decided to quarantine the whole state of Louisiana.

FINAL SITTING AUGUST 10.

Franco-Venezuelan Arbitration Commission to Reassemble at Northfield.

Northfield, August 2.—Count Peretti de La Rocca, the French representative before the Franco-Venezuelan commission, which convened here February 1, arrived Monday evening from Newport, R. I., where he has been passing his vacation. After a conference with the Hon. Frank Plimley, the umpire, he will go to Burlington, where he is to meet Dr. Jose de J. Paul, the Venezuelan commissioner. They are to be entertained by friends in that city and will return to Northfield to attend the final sittings of the commission on or about August 10.